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In re the Application of:

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For:

HYBRID MAGNETICALLY SUSPENDED AND ROTATED CENTRIFUGAL PUMPING APPARATUS AND METHOD

PETITION FOR A FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

BOX PCT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The applicant, by and through the undersigned attorney, hereby petitions for a four-month extension of time, i.e., up to and including August 21, 2001, in which to respond to the Decision on Request dated 21 February 2001.. Our check in the amount of \$695.00 is enclosed. Any additional charges may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the four-month extension of time be granted.

Signed at Denver, Colorado on August 21, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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